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SUBJECT: LOS SITREP MAY 27, 1977

1. COMMITTEE I - IN THE CONTINUING DEBATE OF ARTICLE 9
(RESOURCE POLICY) G-77 SPOKESMEN INSISTED THAT THEY DO
NOT INTEND TO "STRANGLE" SEABED MINING, BUT THEY ATTACKED
THE RSNT AND EVENSEN TEXTS FOR NOT PROVIDING SUFFICIENT
PROTECTION TO LAND-BASED PRODUCERS.

2. THE LAND-BASED MINERAL PRODUCERS--CHILE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA,
INDONESIA--LED THE DEFENSE OF THE G-77 TEXT OF ARTICLE 9.
CHILE (ORREGO) NOTED TWO PREMISES WHICH EVERYONE MUST
ACCEPT: A) THAT THERE WILL BE "SUFFICIENT SITES" FOR SEABED
PRODUCTION AND B) THAT THERE WILL BE ADVERSE ECONOMIC EFFECTS
ON LAND-BASED PRODUCERS. HE CALLED "ABSURD" (BY THE US DEL)
THE ASSERTION THAT THE G-77 TEXT WOULD ALLOW ONLY ONE OR TWO
SITES. THIS CONCLUSION WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF, LACKING
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COMMON SENSE, ONE APPLIES THE MOST RESTRICTIVE INTERPRETATION
OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE TEXT. THE LAND-BASED PRODUCERS
WERE SUPPORTED BY IRAQ (SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB
DELEGATION), GDR, AND BULGARIA.

3. SINGAPORE (KOH) ATTEMPTED TO MINIMIZE THE SPLIT ON
ARTICLE 9 BY "REMINDING" THE CONFERENCE OF MAJOR AGREE-

MENT ON TWO BROAD PRINCIPLES: THAT SEABED RESOURCES SHALL BE EXPLOITED AND THAT LAND-BASED PRODUCERS SHOULD BE PROTECTED. THE NETHERLANDS (SONDAAL) ALSO TRIED TO BRIDGE THE GAP BY ACCEPTING THE G-77 ASSERTION THAT THEY DID NOT INTEND TO STRANGLE SEABED PRODUCTION.

4. THE FRG CARRIED THE DEFENSE OF THE RSNT, WITH SOME HELP FROM JAPAN. CHAIRMAN EVENSEN PLANS TO WRAP UP THE ARTICLE 9 DISCUSSION DURING THE MORNING SESSION, MAY 31. MEANWHILE, THE G-77 WAS SCHEDULED TO CAUSUS ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 27.
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